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CONCERNING EXPULSION ORDER AGAINST CHILEAN
LAWYERS DURING PERM COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 1

BEGIN TEXT MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE
SUPPORT OF MY DELEGATION FOR THE POINT MADE BY THE DISTIN-
GUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF VENEZUELA.

IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING, BASED ON STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS
ROOM BY AMBASSADOR TRUCCO AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S DISCUSSIONS
WITH OFFICIALS OF THIS ORGANIZATION, THAT NO REPRISALS
WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST ANYONE AS A RESULT OF THEIR COOPERA-
TION WITH THE VI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS IN SANTIAGO.

OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT RESPECT WAS TO BE SHOWN FOR THE
OAS DURING ITS SANTIAGO PROCEEDINGS BY RELAXATION OF THE
STRICTURES ON RIGHTS OF SPEECH, PRESS AND ASSEMBLY; THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILE'S CON-
TINUING COOPERATION WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
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COMMISSION WHEN IT VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY FOR RESOLUTION 243.

WE WERE SHOCKED, THEREFORE, TO HEAR OF THE ACTION TAKEN
AGAINST TWO CHILEAN LAWYERS WHO HAD COOPERATED WITH MEMBERS

OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DURING THE
COURSE OF THE VI OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT IS OUR OPINION
THAT THEIR EXPULSION IS CONTRARY TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 243 REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE "TO
PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUARANTEES TO PERSONS OR INSTITUTIONS
THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION, TESTIMONY OR OTHER TYPES OF
EVIDENCE."

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT IN LIGHT OF THE
RECENT LAUDABLE ACTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, IT RE-
CONSIDER ITS OBLIGATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES AND WITHDRAW THE EXPULSION ORDER AGAINST JAIME
CASTILLO AND EUGENIO VELASCO. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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